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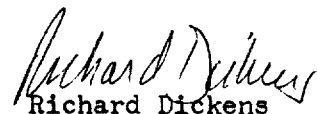
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Gentlemen;

It has occurred to me, and perhaps to 95% of other pill takers, that when the prescription written by a physician and filled by a pharmacist, has done its job by relieving the symptoms, yet leaving a portion of the prescription unused and stored in the medicine cabinet (or?) that the remaining portion of the pills in time have lost their identification for use. Example: A prescription for migraine headache is stored but no additional headache has occurred for say 6 months. When a headache does again require the need for the prescription, the container only describes the medication as "Cafergot" but does not note it's use. Thus making it sometime confusing, particularly for elderly patients to find the proper medication.

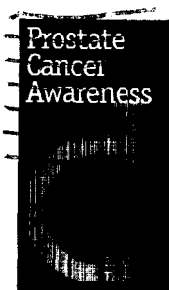
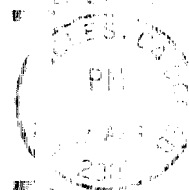
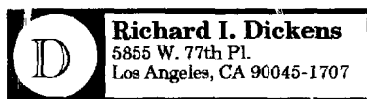
Most of us have several accumulated medications set aside and no longer taken, then at a later date the symptoms reoccur and residual amount of medication is needed, only to find so many bottles of pills that only identify the medication but not the use.

I therefore believe that it should become incumbent upon the Physician to note on his prescription what the medication is to be used for, and the pharmacist to transfer that information to the label. I further believe that this should be a regulation requiring all physicians and pharmacists to conform, thereby reducing the possibility of patients reusing the wrong medications.


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